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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 14 September 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Angola (S/1998/838 and S/1998/847)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Executive session on gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities/ Peacekeeping Support Account

INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE

9 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
2 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Third regular session 1998

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	39th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	40th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Agenda and work plan for the session [1] (DP/1998/L.4)

2. Reports on the second regular session 1998 and annual session 1998 [1] (DP/1998/15, DP/1998/27)

3. Draft work plan 1999 for the Executive Board [1] (DP/1997/CRP.10)

4. UNDP: Resource mobilization [7] (DP/1998/CRP.12)

[There will be a meeting of the donors group at 9 a.m. in Conference Room A.]

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 14 September 1998

GROUP OF 77
(drafting of the Ministerial Declaration)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

ASIAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

ALLIANCE OF SMALL ISLAND STATES

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

GENERAL BRIEFING ON THE WORK OF THE FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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Annual conference

The Fifty-first Annual DPI/NGO Conference, entitled "The 50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: From Words to Deeds", will take place from 14 to 16 September 1998. The opening session will be held on Monday, 14 September, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly will make statements.

The subsequent sessions will be held in Conference Room 4. Workshops, organized by the NGO/DPI Planning Committee, will take place from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. daily in various conference rooms. Copies of the Conference programme are available on the Internet at: www.un.org/MoreInfo/schedule/htm. For further information, please call 963-1361, 963-7709 or 963-7234.

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Briefing

The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) will hold a briefing on the findings of the *1998 Trade and Development Report* on Monday, 14 September 1998, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The briefing will be given by Mr. Yilmaz Akyuz of UNCTAD who headed the team that prepared the report. Members of the permanent missions are invited to attend.

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Announcement

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 15 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

3 p.m. 3rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Organization of work of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: first report of the General Committee (A/53/250)*.

* To be issued.

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will hold an informal consultation on its organization of work for the current session. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, 16 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. All Member States are invited to attend.

The First Committee will hold its formal organizational meeting on Thursday, 17 September 1998 at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 2nd meeting on Thursday, 17 September 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 4, for the purpose of electing its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider and approve its organization of work (A/C.4/53/L.1*).

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to decolonization items, which will begin on Monday, 5 October (see A/C.4/53/L.1*), are kindly requested to notify the secretariat (room S-2977, tel: 963-9223).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 15 September 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room B.

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A meeting of the Consultative Group for the International Year of Older Persons will take place on Tuesday, 15 September 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8. Items on the agenda include the introduction of the draft report of the Secretary-General to the fifty-third session of the General Assembly, details on the official launch of the year (1 October), information on the expert consultation on policies for a society for all ages, the research agenda on ageing and the United Nations Trust Fund for Ageing.

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United Nations Development Programme

An inter-agency consultative meeting will take place on Friday, 18 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

High-level dialogue of the General Assembly on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications
(17-18 September 1998)

Plenary meetings

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Informal panels

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Copies of papers submitted by panellists are available for pick-up by delegations outside room DC1-1420.

General debate
(21 September-2 October 1998)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) for the general debate of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly and ECOSOC Affairs Division (room S-2935G). The list has also been sent by facsimile directly to Permanent Representatives to the United Nations.

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Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 11 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

GENERAL COMMITTEE 1st and 2nd meetings

Note: The summary of the 1st and 2nd meetings of the General Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/176).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD
Second regular session 1998 21st meeting

Draft decision on the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001 (continued)

The representative of Switzerland introduced the draft decision contained in document E/ICEF/1998/CRP.19.

Statements were made by the representatives of Jamaica (also on behalf of Antigua and Barbuda), the United Kingdom, Bangladesh, Morocco, France, the Gambia and Switzerland.

The Executive Board adopted the draft decision contained in document E/ICEF/1998/CRP.19, as amended.

The Executive Board concluded consideration of agenda item 4.

Closing of the session: remarks by the Executive Director and the President of the Executive Board [14]

The Executive Director and the President of the UNICEF Executive Board made closing remarks.

The Executive Board concluded the second regular session of 1998.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention for the Suppression of the Circulation of, and Traffic in, Obscene Publications, concluded at Geneva on 12 September 1923 and amended by the Protocol signed at Lake Success, New York, on 12 November 1947

Succession: Belarus (8 September 1998)*

Agreement for the Suppression of the Circulation of Obscene Publications, signed at Paris on 4 May 1910 and amended by the Protocol, signed at Lake Success, New York on 4 May 1949

Succession: Belarus (8 September 1998)*

Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions for Periodical Technical Inspections of Wheeled Vehicles and the Reciprocal Recognition of such Inspections, opened for signature at Vienna on 13 November 1997

Accession: Estonia (9 September 1998)*

Amendments to articles 16, 17 and 19 (b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, adopted by the Assembly of the Organization by resolution A.735 (18) of 4 November 1993

Acceptance: Saint Lucia (10 September 1998)*

Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, concluded at Vienna on 23 May 1969

Accession: Cuba (9 September 1998)*

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10 September 1996

Ratification: El Salvador (11 September 1998)*

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction, concluded at Oslo on 18 September 1997

Accession: The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (9 September 1998)*

Convention on Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents, concluded at Helsinki on 17 March 1992

Ratification: Germany (9 September 1998)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, opened for signature at Paris on 14 October 1994

Accession: Guatemala (10 September 1998)*

Acceptance: Japan (11 September 1998)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Exhibits

The fiftieth anniversary of the World Health Organization will be marked at the United Nations with the concurrent opening of two exhibits entitled "Fifty Years: So Much Accomplished, So Much Still To Be Done" and "The Edge of Awareness" on Monday, 14 September 1998, at 5.30 p.m. at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building. The exhibits will be officially launched by Mme Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General, and the programme will be emceed by Mr. Kensagu Hogen, Under-Secretary-General for Public Information. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Interfaith service

To mark the opening of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly and to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Interfaith Center of New York and the Temple of Understanding are organizing the Second Annual Interfaith Service of Commitment to the Work of the United Nations. The service will be held on Wednesday, 16 September 1998, at 8.30 a.m. at St. Bartholomew's Church (Park Avenue at 51st Street in Manhattan). Special guests will include the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General and Mrs. Nane Annan. All members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, accredited correspondents and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. Those planning to attend should bring their official United Nations ground passes for admittance to the Service.

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Security announcement

The Security and Safety Service will convene a briefing for the Permanent and Observer Missions on Thursday, 17 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. The subject of the meeting will be security arrangements for the fifty-third session of the General Assembly.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of September has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Rwanda
H.E. Mr. Gideon Kayinamura

Asian States:
Mongolia
H.E. Mr. Jargalsaikhany Enkhsaikhan

Eastern European States:
Republic of Moldova
Mrs. Victoria Cremeniuc
Chargé d'affaires

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Cuba
H.E. Mr. Rafael Dausa Cespedes
Chargé d'affaires

Western European and Other States:
Germany
H.E. Mr. Gerhard Walter Henze
Chargé d'affaires

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Central African Republic (S/1998/783 and Add.1)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Briefing by the Secretariat

Angola (S/1998/838 and S/1998/847)*

Draft resolution (S/1998/850)

Afghanistan

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

Letter dated 4 September 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/835)

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* To be followed by a formal meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

3 p.m.	3rd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. UNCTAD
2. Draft report

INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE

9 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9
2 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Third regular session 1998

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	41st meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	42nd meeting	Conference Room 3

UNDP: Country cooperation frameworks and related matters [4] (DP/998/34, DP/CCF/BDI/1, DP/CCF/CAY/1, DP/CCF/COS/1, DP/CCF/EQG/1, DP/CCF/PAR/1, DP/CP/BGD/1/EXTENSION I, DP/CP/ECU/5/EXTENSION I)

[There will be a meeting of the donors group at 9 a.m. in Conference Room A.]

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Tuesday, 15 September 1998

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

11a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

GENERAL BRIEFING ON THE WORK OF THE FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 16 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 1

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will hold its formal organizational meeting on Thursday, 17 September 1998 at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Wednesday, 16 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its organization of work as contained in document A/C.2/53/L.1.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Wednesday, 16 September 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 1, for the purpose of electing its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its organization of work (A/C.3/53/L.1).

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 2nd meeting on Thursday, 17 September 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 4, for the purpose of electing its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider and approve its organization of work (A/C.4/53/L.1*).

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Fifth Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Friday, 18 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, for the purpose of electing its Bureau and to consider the organization of its work. A document on the status of preparedness of documentation (A/C.5/53/L.1) and the proposed programme of work (A/C.5/53/L.2) will be issued shortly.

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The 193rd meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Thursday, 17 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda for the meeting will include the following items: (a) Resumption of the review by the Committee of its membership and composition pursuant to operative paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 52/159 of 15 December 1997; (b) Other matters. The meeting will be open to observers. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee could be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of other special items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/46, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Chairman of the Committee or to its Secretary (room S-3420D; fax: 963-6430) any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Development Programme

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FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

High-level dialogue of the General Assembly on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications
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There will be meetings of the Group of 77 *(on the organization of work of the Fifth Committee for the fifty-third session of the General Assembly)* on Wednesday, 16 September 1998, at 3 p.m. and on Thursday, 17 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

There will be a meeting of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) on Wednesday, 16 September 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5, to finalize the draft declaration of the Eighth Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries (document LDC/MM8/1997/2/Rev.2).

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Ministerial meeting

The Ministerial Meeting of countries participating in the Third International Conference of New or Restored Democracies will be held on Tuesday, 22 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 11 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

GENERAL COMMITTEE 1st meeting

Organization of the fifty-third regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/53/1 and Add. 1)

Section I

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to the provisions reproduced in annexes V, VI, VII and VIII to its rules of procedure.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 4 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

Organization of the session (Section II)

Section II.A

The General Committee took note of rule 40 of the rules of procedure and of the provisions of General Assembly decision 34/401, Assembly resolution 39/88 B, the annex to Assembly resolution 45/45 and the annex to Assembly resolution 51/241 pertaining to the functions of the Committee.

Section II.B

The General Committee took note of paragraphs 6 and 7 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

In connection with paragraph 8 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General, the General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 5 of the annex to its resolution 45/45 and to paragraphs 30, 31 and 36 of the annex to its resolution 51/241.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 9 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

Section II.C

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the fifty-third session should recess on Friday, 11 December 1998.

The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the First, Special Political and Decolonization (Fourth Committee), Third and Sixth Committees complete their work by Friday, 20 November, the Second Committee by Friday, 27 November and the Fifth Committee by Friday, 4 December 1998.

Section II.D

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the suggestions contained in paragraphs 11 to 13 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General, including the recommendation that as a cost saving measure, plenary meetings and meetings of the Main Committees, including informals, be adjourned by 6 p.m. and that no meetings be held on weekends. The Committee also recommended that this cost-saving measure should apply, for the remainder of 1998, to meetings on the Calendar of conferences and meetings. The Committee further recommended that, in order to avoid the late start of meetings, the General Assembly should waive the requirements of the presence of at least one third of the members to declare a plenary meeting open and to permit the debate to proceed and of at least one quarter of the members to declare a meeting of a Main Committee open and permit the debate to proceed. The Committee further recommended that delegations should be reminded of the utmost importance of punctuality in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations.

Section II.E

The General Committee took note of paragraph 14 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General concerning, inter alia, the duration of the general debate (beginning on Monday, 21 September, and ending on Friday, 2 October 1998).

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 21 of the annex to its resolution 51/241 indicating a voluntary guideline of up to twenty minutes for each statement in the general debate.

The General Committee endorsed the suggestions concerning the closure of the list of speakers (to close on Wednesday, 23 September 1998, at 6 p.m.).

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 17 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General concerning the prohibition of the expression of congratulations in the General Assembly Hall after a speech had been delivered and the departure through Room GA-200 of speakers after delivering their statements.

Section II.F

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 of its decision 34/401 concerning explanations of vote and rights of reply.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that points of order be limited to five minutes.

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 20 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General concerning the length of statements in debates outside the general debate.

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly, as it did at recent sessions, to rules 72 and 114 of the rules of procedure and paragraph 22 of annex VI thereto concerning length of statements for appropriate action in plenary meetings and the Main Committees.

Section II.G

The General Committee decided to draw the Assembly's attention to paragraphs 8 and 9 of its resolution 38/32 E.

The General Committee also decided to recommend to the General Assembly that its decision not to reproduce *in extenso* statements made in a Main Committee should be maintained for the fifty-third session.

Section II.H

The General Committee was informed that Mali was the name drawn for the purpose of occupying the first desk on the General Assembly floor and from which the seating order would begin.

Section II.I

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to the need for the full implementation of paragraph 17 of its decision 34/401 concerning concluding statements.

Section II.J

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 32 of its decision 34/401, to recommendation 3 (f) of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts, to paragraph 5 of Assembly resolution 48/264, and to paragraphs 1 and 10 of the annex to Assembly resolution 45/45, concerning resolutions.

Section II.K

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 28 of its decision 34/401, to paragraph 6 of its resolution 48/264, to paragraph 4 of its resolution 50/206 C and to paragraph 32 of the annex to resolution 51/241, concerning documentation.

Section II.L

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to the provisions contained in paragraphs 31, 32, 33 and 34 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General concerning questions related to the programme budget.

Section II.M

The representative of the United Kingdom made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the suggestions contained in paragraphs 35 and 36 concerning observances and commemorative meetings.

Section II.N

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to the recommendations referred to in paragraphs 37 and 38 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General concerning special conferences.

Section II.O

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the Assembly should authorize the meetings of the subsidiary organs referred to in paragraph 39 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

Observations and proposals on the organization of future sessions of the General Assembly (Section III)

The General Committee decided, with regard to opening and closing dates of future regular sessions, to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 17 of the annex to resolution 51/241, and to the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 51/241 (document A/52/855), in particular to paragraphs 16 and 17 thereof.

In this connection, the General Committee decided to recommend that the Assembly address the question of the opening and closing dates of future regular sessions. Taking into account the opening date of the regular sessions, the Committee also decided to recommend to the Assembly a review of the question of the mandatory deadline for the submission to the Fifth Committee of all draft resolutions with programme budget implications.

Adoption of the agenda (Section IV)

The General Committee took note of paragraphs 43 and 44, dealing with the rationalization of the agenda, including paragraphs 4 and 5 (a) and (c) of annex I to General Assembly resolution 48/264.

In this connection, the attention of the General Committee was drawn to paragraphs 23 and 26 of the annex to resolution 51/241.

Item 62

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the deletion of item 62 from the agenda of the fifty-third session.

Item 89

The General Assembly decided to recommend to the Assembly that the title of item 89 read "Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories".

Item 168

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Armenia.

The General Committee decided to recommend that the Assembly include item 168 in the agenda as a sub-item of item 46.

The General Committee then proceeded to consider the draft agenda of the fifty-third session contained in paragraph 47 of document A/BUR/53/1 and its Add.1.

Items 1 to 6

The General Committee took note that the General Assembly had already dealt with items 1 to 6 of the draft agenda.

Items 7 to 61

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include these items in the agenda.

Item 62

The Chairman recalled that item 62 had been dealt with earlier during the meeting.

Items 63 to 91

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include these items in the agenda.

Item 92

Statements were made by the representatives of Senegal and Germany.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that consideration of this item be deferred to the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly and that it be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

Item 93

Statements were made by the representatives of San Marino and Brunei Darussalam.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that consideration of this item be deferred to the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly and that it be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

Item 94 to 159

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include these items in the agenda.

Item 160

The representative of Senegal made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Item 161

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, the representative of Zimbabwe made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Georgia and China.

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Item 162

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Item 163

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Item 164

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Item 165

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Item 166

Statements were made by the representatives of Senegal, China and Mexico.

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, statements were made by the representatives of Swaziland, Malawi, the Gambia, Solomon Islands and Burkina Faso.

The General Committee decided to invite the representatives of Argentina, Kazakhstan, Sri Lanka, Paraguay, Iraq, Kuwait and Georgia, at their requests, to take their places at the Committee's table.

Statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, Kazakhstan, Sri Lanka, Paraguay, Iraq, Kuwait and Georgia.

2nd meeting

Adoption of the agenda (Section IV) (continued)

Item 166

Statements were made by the representatives of Liberia, Nicaragua, Myanmar, the Russian Federation, Syrian Arab Republic, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mongolia, Turkmenistan, Germany, Yemen, Suriname, Uganda, Tunisia, Cameroon and Lesotho.

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedures, statements were made by the representatives of Sao Tome and Principe, Dominica, Chad, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Grenada and El Salvador.

The General Committee decided to invite the representatives of Honduras, Saint Lucia, Chile, the United Republic of Tanzania, Cyprus, Nepal, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Belarus, Brazil, Djibouti, Italy, Bangladesh, Algeria, Cuba, the Sudan, Zimbabwe, Egypt, Kenya and Pakistan, at their requests, to take their places at the Committee's table.

Statements were made by the representatives of Honduras, Saint Lucia, Chile, the United Republic of Tanzania, Cyprus, Nepal, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Belarus, Brazil, Djibouti, Italy, Bangladesh, Algeria, Cuba, the Sudan, Zimbabwe, Egypt, Kenya and Pakistan.

The General Committee decided not to recommend the inclusion of this item in the agenda.

Item 167

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Item 168

The Chairman recalled that the General Committee has dealt with the item at its 1st meeting that morning.

Item 169

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Items 170 and 171

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include these items in the agenda.

Allocation of items (Section V)

The General Committee decided to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 4 of its decision 34/401, paragraph 5 of the annex to Assembly resolution 39/88 B, paragraph 6 of the annex to Assembly resolution 45/45, paragraphs 2 and 5 (b) and (d) of annex I of resolution 48/264 as well as paragraph 24 of the annex to resolution 51/241 concerning the allocation and clustering of items.

Item 160

The General Committee decided to recommend that item 160 should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

Item 161

The General Committee decided to recommend that item 161 should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

Item 162

The General Committee decided to recommend that item 162 should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

Item 165

The General Committee decided to recommend that item 165 should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

Item 167

The General Committee decided to recommend that item 167 should be allocated to the Fifth Committee.

Item 168

The General Committee decided to recommend that item 168 should be considered directly in plenary meeting as a sub-item of item 46.

Item 169

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 169 should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

Item 10

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it hear a brief presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report on the work of the Organization on Monday, 21 September, as the first item in the morning prior to the opening of the general debate.

Item 12

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the suggested allocation of various parts of the report of the Economic and Social Council as contained in paragraph 51 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

Item 18

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that all the chapters of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and People relating to specific Territories should be referred to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) so that the Assembly might deal in plenary meeting with the question of the implementation of the Declaration as a whole.

Item 46

The General Committee decided to recommend that, in connection with the awarding of human right prizes in 1998, the award ceremony should be held on Thursday, 10 December 1998, on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Item 49

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item on the question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) should be considered directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that bodies and individuals having an interest in the question would be heard in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in conjunction with the consideration of the item in plenary meeting.

Item 63

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item on the question of Cyprus be allocated at an appropriate time during the session.

Item 72

The General Committee decided to recommend that the paragraphs of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency dealing with the subject matter of item 72 should be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of that item.

Item 86

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the commemorative meeting marking the fiftieth anniversary of United Nations peacekeeping should be held on Tuesday, 6 October 1998, in the morning.

Item 96 (d)

The General Committee decided to recommend that the high-level dialogue on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications should be held on Thursday, 17 September, and Friday, 18 September 1998.

Item 102

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the commemorative meeting marking the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries should be held on Wednesday, 7 October 1998, in the morning.

Item 106

The General Committee decided to recommend that, in connection with item 106 (Advancement of women), the annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the operations, management and budget of the United Nations Development Fund for Women should be referred to the Second Committee for consideration under item 98 (Operational activities for development).

The General Committee then proceeded to consider the allocation of items proposed in paragraph 61 of document A/BUR/53/1 and in its Add.1.

Plenary items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/53/1 and Add.1, and including items 160 to 162, 165, 168 as a sub-item of item 46, 169, under item 86 the holding of the commemorative meeting marking the fiftieth anniversary of United Nations peacekeeping, and under item 96 (d) the holding of the two-day high level dialogue on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications, and excluding items 62 and 63.

First Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/53/1.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/53/1, taking into account its decision on the item entitled "Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India", its decision on the item entitled "Question of East Timor", and its decision concerning item 49 entitled "Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas).

Second Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/53/1.

Third Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/53/1.

Fifth Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in documents A/BUR/53/1 and Add. 1, and including item 167.

Sixth Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/53/1.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Further Reduction of Sulphur Emissions, concluded at Oslo on 14 June 1994

Ratification: Italy (14 September 1998)*

Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, adopted at the Third Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties at Geneva on 22 September 1995

Acceptance: Slovakia (11 September 1998)*

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, opened for signature at Paris on 14 October 1994

Accession: Tuvalu (14 September 1998)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New United Nations stamps and souvenir card

Today, 15 September 1998, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps on the theme "50 Years of United Nations Peacekeeping". The denominations of the new stamps will be 33 cents, 40 cents, F.s. 0,70, F.s. 0,90, S 4 and S 7.50. A souvenir card will also be issued *today* on the same theme.

The new stamps, souvenir card, first day covers and hand cancellations can be obtained by members of delegations and staff at the north end of the Secretariat Lobby *today* from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Details about the new stamps and souvenir card are available in Information Circular ST/IC/1998/60.

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Interfaith service

To mark the opening of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly and to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Interfaith Center of New York and the Temple of Understanding are organizing the Second Annual Interfaith Service of Commitment to the Work of the United Nations. The service will be held on Wednesday, 16 September 1998, at 8.30 a.m. at St. Bartholomew's Church (Park Avenue at 51st Street in Manhattan). Special guests will include the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General and Mrs. Nane Annan. All members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, accredited correspondents and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. Those planning to attend should bring their official United Nations ground passes for admittance to the Service.

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Security announcement

The Security and Safety Service will convene a briefing for the Permanent and Observer Missions on Thursday, 17 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. The subject of the meeting will be security arrangements for the fifty-third session of the General Assembly.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Election of officers

2. Organization of work (A/53/250, A/C.3/53/L.1)

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 1

Election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and organization of work as contained in document A/C.6/53/L.1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Development Account

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Third regular session 1998

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	43rd meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	44th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. UNFPA: Resource mobilization [8]

2. UNFPA: Coordinating Committee on Health [12] (DP/FPA/1998/CRP.4)

3. UNFPA: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters [9] (DP/FPA/1998/9, DP/FPA/1998/10, DP/FPA/1998/11, DP/FPA/1998/12)

4. UNFPA: Country programmes and related matters [11] (DP/FPA/PAK/5/EXT.1, DP/FPA/PHI/4/EXT.1, DP/FPA/FPA/KATTUK/1/EXT.1)

[There will be a meeting of the donors group at 9 a.m. in Conference Room A.]

Announcement

The daily briefing of the Spokesman for the Secretary-General for press officers of Member States of the United Nations will be suspended during the general debate of the General Assembly (21 September-2 October). Live coverage of the Spokesman's noon briefing can be seen in Screening Room 4.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 16 September 1998

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

COORDINATION BUREAU

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(on the organization of work of the Fifth Committee for the fifty-third session of the General Assembly)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

SPECIAL BRIEFING ON THE WORK OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

There will be a meeting of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) *(at the ambassadorial level) today*, 16 September 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5, to finalize the draft declaration of the Eighth Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries (document LDC/MM8/1997/2/Rev.2).

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Annual conference

The Fifty-first Annual DPI/NGO Conference, entitled "The 50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: From Words to Deeds", will continue *today*, 16 September 1998, at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Workshops, organized by the NGO/DPI Planning Committee, will take place from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. daily in various conference rooms. Copies of the Conference programme are available on the Internet at: www.un.org/MoreInfo/schedule/htm. For further information, please call 963-1361, 963-7709 or 963-7234.

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Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) will be held *today*, 16 September 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 3 September 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 17 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	4th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
4 p.m.	5th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership [93 (d)]: High-level dialogue on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications:

Indonesia
Austria
India
Uruguay
Germany
United States
Japan
Ghana
Cuba
Islamic Republic of Iran
Norway
Nigeria
Canada
Mexico
Netherlands
Bangladesh
Senegal
Kazakhstan
Republic of Korea
Jamaica
Pakistan
Philippines
Denmark
China
Thailand
Guyana
Algeria
Kenya
Turkey
Maldives
Belarus
Brazil
Morocco
Viet Nam
Egypt
Russian Federation
Malaysia
Argentina
Bolivia
Ukraine
Lesotho
United Republic of Tanzania
Uganda
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 4

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 2nd meeting on Thursday, 17 September 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 4, for the purpose of electing its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider and approve its organization of work (A/C.4/53/L.1).

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to decolonization items, which will begin on Monday, 5 October (see A/C.4/53/L.1), are kindly requested to notify the secretariat (room S-2977, tel: 963-9223).

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Fifth Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Friday, 18 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, for the purpose of electing its Bureau and to consider the organization of its work. A document on the status of preparedness of documentation (A/C.5/53/L.1) and the proposed programme of work (A/C.5/53/L.2) will be issued shortly.

Delegations are invited to collect from the Office of the Secretary of the Fifth Committee (room S-2633) relevant preliminary information regarding the status of preparedness of documentation and the proposed programme of work.

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The 193rd meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Thursday, 17 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda for the meeting will include the following items: (a) Resumption of the review by the Committee of its membership and composition pursuant to operative paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 52/159 of 15 December 1997; (b) Other matters. The meeting will be open to observers. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee could be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of other special items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/46, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Chairman of the Committee or to its Secretary (room S-3420D; fax: 963-6430) any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Development Programme

An inter-agency consultative meeting will take place on Friday, 18 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

High-level dialogue of the General Assembly on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications
(17-18 September 1998)

Plenary meetings

The list of speakers for the plenary meetings on Thursday, 17 September, is now open. To be inscribed, please contact the General Assembly and ECOSOC Affairs Division at 963-5063 (room S-2935G).

Ministerial round tables

As part of the high-level dialogue of the General Assembly, two ministerial round tables will be held on Friday, 18 September. The first round table on the topic of "the social and economic impact of globalization: national responses" will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the second round table on the topic of "the social and economic impact of globalization: international responses" will be held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 2. There will be no list of speakers for the round tables.

Informal panels

In conjunction with the high-level dialogue of the General Assembly, two informal panels will be held in Conference Room 2, the first on Thursday, 17 September, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the theme of "the economic impact of globalization" and the second on Friday, 18 September, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the theme of "the social impact of globalization." The panellists will be Ms. Susie Castore (Haiti), Ms. Liz Chitiga (Zimbabwe), Mr. Bob Deacon (United Kingdom), Mr. Fan Gang (China), Ms. Carmen Frei (Chile), Ms. Nancie Johnson (United States), Mr. Kamande Muiruri (Kenya), Mr. Stephen Pursey (International Confederation of Free Trade Unions), Mr. Dariusz Rosati (Poland).

Copies of the *World Economic and Social Survey 1998* and seven papers submitted by panellists are available for pick-up by delegations outside room DC1-1420.

General debate
(21 September-2 October 1998)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) for the general debate of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly and ECOSOC Affairs Division (room S-2935G). The list has also been sent by facsimile directly to Permanent Representatives to the United Nations.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the organization of work of the Fifth Committee for the fifty-third session of the General Assembly)* on Thursday, 17 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Briefing

The Office of the Iraq Programme will hold a briefing on the practical aspects of oil-for-food contract processing, from submission of applications through payment for humanitarian supplies, as well as for the parts and equipment to enable Iraq to increase the export of petroleum and petroleum products. The meeting will be held on Thursday, 17 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5 and is open to all interested Member and Observer States, United Nations agencies and programmes, and intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations.

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Ministerial meeting

The Ministerial Meeting of countries participating in the Third International Conference of New or Restored Democracies will be held on Tuesday, 22 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 15 September 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3925th meeting

The situation in Angola

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (S/1998/838)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Angola, at her request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1998/850, which had been submitted by Kenya, Portugal, the Russian Federation, Slovenia and the United States of America.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1998/850).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1998/850) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1195 (1998).

3926th meeting

The situation in Afghanistan

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1998/27).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

3rd plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/53/345/Add.1) [118]

The General Assembly took note that Grenada had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Chapter.

Organization of work of the fifty-third regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of the items : first report of the General Committee (A/53/250) [8]

The General Assembly considered the first report of the General Committee circulated in document A/53/250.

Introduction (Section I)

Organization of the session (Section II)

Observations on the organization of future sessions of the General Assembly (Section III)

The General Assembly took note of the provisions and approved the recommendations contained in Sections I, II and III of the report of the General Committee.

Adoption of the agenda (Section IV)

The President of the General Assembly recalled rule 23 of the rules of procedures.

The General Assembly decided that it would direct its Main Committees to review their agenda with a view to streamlining their programme of work.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 46 to delete item 62 from the agenda of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 47 that item 89 should read : "Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories".

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 48, that the consideration of item 92 be deferred to the fifty-fourth session and that the item should be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 49, that the consideration of item 93 be deferred to the fifty-fourth session and that the item should be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 50 to include item 160.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 51 to include item 161.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 52 to include item 162.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 53 to include item 165.

The representative of Swaziland made a statement.

The General Assembly decided to adopt the recommendation contained in paragraph 54 not to include item 166.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 55 to include item 167.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 56 to include item 168 as a sub-item of item 46.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 57 to include item 169.

Inclusion of items

The General Assembly then proceeded to consider the agenda recommended for adoption by the General Committee in paragraph 58 of its report (A/53/250).

Items 1 to 6

The General Assembly took note of the fact that items 1 to 6 had already been acted upon in plenary meeting and their inclusion approved.

Items 7 to 166

The General Assembly approved the inclusion in the agenda of items 7 to 166.

Allocation of the items (Section V)

The General Assembly took note of the provisions contained in paragraph 59 of the report of the General Committee (A/53/250).

The President of the General Assembly recalled that the item numbers mentioned in subsequent paragraphs referred to the agenda which appeared in paragraph 61 of the report.

In regard to item 10, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 60 (a) (i).

In regard to item 18, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 60 (a) (ii).

In regard to item 46 (a), the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 60 (a) (iii).

In regard to item 49, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 60 (a) (iv).

In regard to item 62, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 60 (a) (v).

In regard to item 99, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 60 (a) (vi).

In regard to item 157, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 60 (a) (vii).

In regard to item 158, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 60 (a) (viii).

In regard to item 159, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 60 (a) (ix).

In regard to item 162, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 60 (a) (x).

In regard to item 164, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 60 (a) (xi).

In regard to item 71, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 60 (b).

In regard to item 85, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 60 (c).

In regard to item 93 (d), the General assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 60 (d).

In regard to item 103, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 60 (e).

In regard to item 163, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 60 (f) (i).

In regard to item 165, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 60 (f) (ii).

Taking into account the decisions just adopted, the General Assembly approved the allocation of the items listed in paragraph 61 for consideration directly in the plenary meeting.

Taking into account the decisions just adopted, the General Assembly approved the allocation of items proposed in paragraph 61 for the First Committee, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), the Second, Third, Fifth and Sixth Committees.

The President made a statement.

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International Human Rights Instruments

TENTH MEETING OF CHAIRPERSONS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS TREATY BODIES
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 1998

1st and 2nd meetings

Opening of the meeting and election of officers [1]

The tenth meeting was declared open by the Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The Chairman of the Committee against Torture, Mr. Burns, was elected as Chairman/Rapporteur of the meeting.

Adoption of the agenda [2]

The provisional agenda contained in document HRI/MC/1998/3 was adopted.

Review of recent developments relating to the work of the treaty bodies [4]

The Chairpersons gave a brief oral presentation on the work of their respective Committees. A discussion followed.

Cooperation of human rights treaty bodies with United Nations specialized agencies, funds, programmes and mechanisms [5]

The meeting began its consideration of the item.

TUESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 1998

3rd and 4th meetings

The meeting continued its consideration of agenda item 5.

Improving the operation of the human rights treaty bodies [7]

Servicing of the treaty bodies [8]

The meeting began its consideration of the items.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted by the Conference of the States Parties on 12 December 1995

Acceptance: Guyana (15 September 1998)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interfaith service

To mark the opening of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly and to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Interfaith Center of New York and the Temple of Understanding are organizing the Second Annual Interfaith Service of Commitment to the Work of the United Nations. The service will be held *today*, 16 September 1998, at 8.30 a.m. at St. Bartholomew's Church (Park Avenue at 51st Street in Manhattan). Special guests will include the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General and Mrs. Nane Annan. All members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, accredited correspondents and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. Those planning to attend should bring their official United Nations ground passes for admittance to the Service.

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Security announcement

The Security and Safety Service will convene a briefing for the Permanent and Observer Missions on Thursday, 17 September 1998, *at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council*. The subject of the meeting will be security arrangements for the fifty-third session of the General Assembly.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of September has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Rwanda
H.E. Mr. Gideon Kayinamura

Asian States:
Mongolia
H.E. Mr. Jargalsaikhany Enkhsaikhan

Eastern European States:
Republic of Moldova
H.E. Mr. Ion Botnaru

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Cuba
H.E. Mr. Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla

Western European and Other States:
Germany
H.E. Mr. Dieter Kastrup

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 17 September 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Western Sahara

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation concerning Western Sahara (S1998/849)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 748 (1992) CONCERNING THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA

3.30 p.m.	88th meeting* (closed)	Conference Room 7

* The Chairman of the Committee will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in Conference Room 7, immediately following the meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	4th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
4 p.m.	5th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership [93 (d)]: High-level dialogue on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications:

Indonesia
Austria
India
Uruguay
Germany
United States
Japan
Ghana
Cuba
Islamic Republic of Iran
Norway
Nigeria
Canada
Mexico
Netherlands
Bangladesh
Senegal
Kazakhstan
Republic of Korea
Jamaica
Pakistan
Philippines
Denmark
China
Thailand
Guyana
Algeria
Kenya
Turkey
Maldives
Belarus
Brazil
Morocco
Viet Nam
Egypt
Russian Federation
Malaysia
Argentina
Bolivia
Ukraine
Lesotho
United Republic of Tanzania
Uganda
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 4

1. Election of officers
2. Organization of work (A/C.1/53/1, A/C.1/53/CRP.1)

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 4

1. Election of officers
2. Organization of work (A/C.4/53/1, A/C.4/53/L.1)

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COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	193rd meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Membership and composition of the Committee (operative paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 52/159 of 15 December 1997)
2. Other matters

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft report
2. Executive session on the Development Account

Announcement

The daily briefing of the Spokesman for the Secretary-General for press officers of Member States of the United Nations will be suspended during the general debate of the General Assembly (21 September-2 October). Live coverage of the Spokesman's noon briefing can be seen in Screening Room 4.

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High-level dialogue on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications
(17-18 September 1998)

Informal panels

In conjunction with the high-level dialogue of the General Assembly, two informal panels will be held in Conference Room 2, the first *today*, 17 September, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the theme of "the economic impact of globalization" and the second *tomorrow*, 18 September, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the theme of "the social impact of globalization." The panellists will be Ms. Susie Castore (Haiti), Ms. Liz Chitiga (Zimbabwe), Mr. Bob Deacon (United Kingdom), Mr. Fan Gang (China), Ms. Carmen Frei (Chile), Ms. Nancie Johnson (United States), Mr. Kamande Muiruri (Kenya), Mr. Stephen Pursey (International Confederation of Free Trade Unions), Mr. Dariusz Rosati (Poland).

Copies of the *World Economic and Social Survey 1998* and seven papers submitted by panellists are available for pick-up by delegations outside room DC1-1420.

Ministerial round tables

As part of the high-level dialogue of the General Assembly, two ministerial round tables will be held *tomorrow*, 18 September. The first round table on the topic of "the social and economic impact of globalization: national responses" will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the second round table on the topic of "the social and economic impact of globalization: international responses" will be held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 2. There will be no list of speakers for the round tables.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 17 September 1998

GROUP OF 77
(on the organization of work of the Fifth Committee for the fifty-third session of the General Assembly)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

CENTRAL AMERICAN GROUP

2 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

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Briefing

The Office of the Iraq Programme will hold a briefing on the practical aspects of oil-for-food contract processing, from submission of applications through payment for humanitarian supplies, as well as for the parts and equipment to enable Iraq to increase the export of petroleum and petroleum products. The meeting will be held *today*, 17 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5 and is open to all interested Member and Observer States, United Nations agencies and programmes, and intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations.

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 3 September 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 18 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

5 p.m.	6th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership [93 (d)]: High-level dialogue on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications.

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 3

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee will be open for inscription on Monday, 21 September 1998. The general debate is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, 6 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the lists are requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. June Knesl, tel.: 212-963-5709, fax: 212-963-5935).

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T HIRD COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for ***all items*** allocated to the Third Committee are open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with document A/C.3/53/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its second meeting) on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 10 a.m., with agenda item 100 (Social development). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Kate Starr Newell, tel.: 212-963-4248; fax: 212-963-5935).

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Fifth Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Friday, 18 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, for the purpose of electing its Bureau and to consider the organization of its work. A document on the status of preparedness of documentation (A/C.5/53/L.1) and the proposed programme of work (A/C.5/53/L.2) will be issued shortly.

Delegations are invited to collect from the Office of the Secretary of the Fifth Committee (room S-2633) relevant preliminary information regarding the status of preparedness of documentation and the proposed programme of work.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Development Programme

An inter-agency consultative meeting will take place on Friday, 18 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(21 September-2 October 1998)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) for the general debate of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Servicing Branch (S-2935G). The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) has also been sent by facsimile directly to Permanent Representatives to the United Nations.

The list is also available on the Internet through the United Nations Home Page: www.un.org/ga/53/session/list53.htm.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Ministerial meeting

The Ministerial Meeting of countries participating in the Third International Conference of New or Restored Democracies will be held on Tuesday, 22 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 16 September 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3927th meeting

The situation in Africa

Report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa (S/1998/318)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1998/852, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations. He also drew attention to the text of an agreed statement by the President.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1998/852).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1998/852) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1196 (1998).

The President then made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1998/28).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 2nd meeting

Election of officers

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. David Prendergast (Jamaica), Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey) and Mr. Odyek Agona (Uganda) as Vice-Chairmen of the Committee. Mr. Vladimir Gerus (Belarus) was elected, by acclamation, as Rapporteur.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), and Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

Organization of work

The Committee had before it documents A/53/250 and A/C.2/53/L.1.

The Secretary of the Committee made some oral amendments to the programme of work, as contained in document A/C.2/53/L.1.

A statement was made by the representative of the Philippines.

The Committee then approved the programme of work, as orally revised, with the understanding that additional changes could be made during the course of the Committee's deliberations.

THIRD COMMITTEE 2nd meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

Election of officers

The Committee elected by acclamation Mr. Roger Stephen Ball (New Zealand), Mr. Luis Fernando Carranza-Cifuentes (Guatemala) and Ms. Victoria Sandru (Romania) as Vice-Chairmen and Mr. Hassan Kassem Najem (Lebanon) as Rapporteur of the Committee.

Organization of work

The Chairman drew the Committee's attention to the relevant recommendations contained in document A/53/250, as well as the proposed organization of work (document A/C.3/53/L.1), the status of documentation before the Committee which was circulated in an informal paper, and General Assembly resolution 50/206C on control and limitation of documentation.

Following a suspension of the meeting, the Committee approved its programme of work for the session, as contained in document A/C.3/53/L.1, as amended.

The Committee agreed to set the following time limits for statements in the general discussion: 7 minutes for statements by individual delegations and 15 minutes for spokespersons of groups of delegations. It was also agreed that this time limit would apply to the Secretariat.

The Committee's attention was drawn to the provisions of General Assembly decision 34/401 regarding interventions in exercise of the right of reply and points of order.

The Committee decided to extend invitations to a number of Special Rapporteurs and Representatives to present their reports to the Committee at the present session under agenda items 106, 108, 109 and 110.

Delegations were informed that the list of speakers was open for all items and that they should inscribe at the earliest possible date with the Secretary of the Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 2nd meeting

Election of the Bureau

The Committee elected Mrs. Socorro Flores Liera of Mexico as a Vice-Chairman.

Organization of work

The Committee adopted its programme of work as contained in document A/C.6/53/L.1.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 51/210 and 52/165, the Committee set up a Working Group to continue the work of the Ad Hoc Committee established by resolution 51/210 and elected H.E. Mr. Philippe Kirsch (Canada) to chair this Working Group and decided that the Working Group, like the Ad Hoc Committee, would be open to all States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 51/157, the Committee decided to reestablish the Working Group on the United Nations Decade of International Law. Mrs. Socorro Flores Liera of Mexico was elected to chair the Working Group.

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International Human Rights Instruments

TENTH MEETING OF CHAIRPERSONS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS TREATY BODIES
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 1998

5th and 6th meetings

Servicing of the treaty bodies [8]

Reservations to the human rights treaties [9]

Assistance to small developing States [11]

Information technolgoy [12]

The meeting considered the items.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendments to articles 16, 17 and 19 (b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, adopted by the Assembly of the Organization by resolution A.735 (18) of 4 November 1993

Acceptance: Belgium (15 September 1998)*

Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, concluded at Vienna on 23 May 1969

Accession: Myanmar (16 September 1998)*

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction, concluded at Oslo on 18 September 1997

Accession: Equatorial Guinea (September 1998)*

Ratification: Burkina Faso (16 September 1998)*

Entry into force of the Convention: 1 March 1999, in accordance with article 17 (1) of the Convention.

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, adopted at Kyoto on 11 December 1997

Signature: Cook Islands (16 September 1998)

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Security announcement

The Security and Safety Service will convene a briefing for the Permanent and Observer Missions *today*, 17 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council. The subject of the meeting will be security arrangements for the fifty-third session of the General Assembly.

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 17 September 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members.

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SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 18 September 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

11 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

The situation in Africa (S/1998/318 and S/1998/855)*

Western Sahara (S/1998/849 and S/1998/863)*

Other matters

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* With a view to a formal meeting, to be held following the adjournment of the consultations.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

5 p.m.	6th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership [93 (d)]: High-level dialogue on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications:

Lesotho
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Colombia
Uruguay
Yemen
Nigeria

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Election of the Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur
2. Organization of work (A/53/250, A/53/251, A/C.5/53/1, A/C.5/53/L.1 and A/C.5/53/L.2)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Administrative arrangements for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (A/C.5/52/45)
2. Draft report

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Development Programme

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Announcement

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High-level dialogue on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications
(17-18 September 1998)

Informal panels

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Friday, 18 September 1998

AFRICAN GROUP
(on Fifth Committee matters)

Morning*- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

* Following the adjournment of the 2nd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 3 September 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 21 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 7th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization: presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report on the work of the Organization (A/53/1) [10].

2. Opening of the general debate [9]:

   Brazil

3. Address by His Excellency Mr. William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America.

4. Address by His Excellency Mr. Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, President of the Republic of South Africa.

5. Address by His Excellency Mr. Blaise Compaoré, President of Burkina Faso.

6. Address by His Excellency Mr. Julio María Sanguinetti, President of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay.

7. Address by Her Excellency Mrs. Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

8. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Address by His Excellency The Rt. Honourable Tony Blair, M.P., Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

3 p.m. 8th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Guntis Ulmanis, President of the Republic of Latvia.

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Seyed Mohammad Khatami, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

3. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Mexico

   Address by His Excellency The Honourable William Skate, M.P., Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea.

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Keizo Obuchi, Prime Minister of Japan.

   Argentina

   Indonesia

   Costa Rica

   Norway

   Côte d'Ivoire

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will commence its substantive work on 12 October 1998 for a period of five weeks. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 12 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The Committee will hold its general debate from 12 to 21 October. Those delegations wishing to participate in the general debate are urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the First Committee (tel.: 963-5579, room S-3140B), as early as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee will be open for inscription on Monday, 21 September 1998. The general debate is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, 6 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the lists are requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. June Knesl, tel.: 212-963-5709, fax: 212-963-5935).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee are open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with document A/C.3/53/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its second meeting) on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 10 a.m., with agenda item 100 (Social development). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Kate Starr Newell, tel.: 212-963-4248; fax: 212-963-5935).

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FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(21 September-2 October 1998)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) for the general debate of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Servicing Branch (S-2935G). The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) has also been sent by facsimile directly to Permanent Representatives to the United Nations.

The list is also available on the Internet through the United Nations Home Page: www.un.org/ga/53/session/list53.htm.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the drafting of the Ministerial Declaration)* on Monday, 21 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77 will hold their Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting at Headquarters on Friday, 25 September 1998, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting will be preceded by the Tenth Annual Senior Officials Meeting of the Group of 77, to be held on Wednesday, 23 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Ministerial meeting

The Ministerial Meeting of countries participating in the Third International Conference of New or Restored Democracies will be held on Tuesday, 22 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Conference

A conference on the theme "The African of the 21st Century" , co-sponsored by the Division of Public Affairs of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Permanent Mission of Burkina Faso to the United Nations, in collaboration with the Office of the Permanent Observer for the Organization of African Unity to the United Nations (OAU) and African Amicale, will take place on Tuesday, 22 September 1998, from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. H.E. Mr. Blaise Compaoré, President of Burkina Faso and current Chairman of OAU, will be the speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 17 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

4th plenary meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership [93 (d)]: *High-level dialogue on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications*

The President recalled that two ministerial round tables and two informal panels would be held in conjunction with the plenary meetings of the high-level dialogue.

The President appointed H.E. Mr. Helmut Schäfer, Minister of State of Germany, as Chairman, and H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela, Permanent Representative of Lesotho to the United Nations, as Rapporteur, of the First Ministerial Round Table on National Responses to Globalization.

The President appointed H.E. Mr. Ali Alatas, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia, as Chairman, and H.E. Mr. Janis Priedkalns, Permanent Representative of Latvia to the United Nations, as Rapporteur, of the Second Ministerial Round Table on International Responses to Globalization.

The President made a statement.

The Deputy Secretary-General made a statement.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Ali Alatas, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); H.E. Mr. George Lennkh, Director-General, Department for Development Cooperation of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia); H.E. Mr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Member, Planning Commission, Minister of State of India; H.E. Mr. Helmut Schäfer, Minister of State of Germany; H.E. Mr. J. Brian Atwood, Administrator, United States Agency for International Development; H.E. Mr. Koichi Haraguchi, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan; H.E. The Honourable Dan Abodakpi, Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry of Ghana; H.E. Mr. Rogelio Martínez-Aguilar, Senior Advisor to the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mexico; H.E. Ms. Dawlat Hassan, Assistant Foreign Minister for Economic Affairs and International Cooperation of Egypt; H.E. Mr. Leiv Lunde, State Secretary for International Cooperation and Human Rights of Norway; H.E. Ms. Huguette Labelle, President, Canadian International Development Agency; H.E. Mr. Carlos Dores, Minister of Health of Cuba; and the representative of the Netherlands.

5th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 5th plenary meeting will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/180).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE — 2nd meeting

Opening of the meeting

The Chairman of the First Committee, H.E. Mr. André Mernier (Belgium), made a statement.

Election of officers

The Committee elected by acclamation H.E. Mr. Akmaral Kh. Arystanbekova (Kazakhstan), H.E. Mr. Raimundo González (Chile) and Mr. Aleg Laptsenak (Belarus) as Vice-Chairmen.

Organization of work

The Committee adopted its programme of work and timetable as contained in document A/C.1/53/CRP.1.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) — 2nd meeting

Opening of the meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted without objection.

Election of officers

Upon nomination by the representatives of Romania and Mongolia and, in accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Tomáš Hrbáč (Slovakia) and Mr. Chun Hae Jin (Republic of Korea) as Vice-Chairmen.

The Chairman informed the Committee that consultations were still continuing for the posts of the third Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur.

Statements were made by representatives of Slovakia, the Republic of Korea and Zimbabwe.

Organization of work

The Committee had before it a letter from the President of the General Assembly concerning the agenda items allocated to it (A/C.4/53/1) and a note by the Chairman (A/C.4/53/L.1) containing his suggestions concerning the organization of work.

The Chairman drew attention to document A/53/250 concerning the organization and rationalization of the work.

The representatives of Morocco and Egypt made statements.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Further statements were made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic, as well as by the Chairman.

Subject to modifications and taking into account the statements made by the representatives of Morocco, Egypt and the Syrian Arab Republic, the Committee approved the programme of work contained in document A/C.4/53/L.1.

As regards agenda item 82, the Committee decided to establish an open-ended Working Group, to be chaired by the delegation of India, to prepare a draft resolution on agenda item 82 (International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space).

In accordance with the suggestions of the Chairman as contained in his note (A/C.4/53/L.1), the Committee decided to hold a general debate on agenda items 18, 87, 88, 89 and 12 and 90 and to close the list of speakers on these items at 6 p.m. on Monday, 5 October.

Agenda items 18 (chapters of the report of the Special Committee of 24 relating to specific Territories not already covered by other items) 87, 88, 89 and 12 and 90

The Committee decided, without objection and in accordance with established practice, to consider chapter V of document A/53/23 (Part III) in conjunction with agenda item 88 (economic and other activities).

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COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY — 193rd meeting

The Chairman spoke.

Membership and composition of the Committee (operative paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 52/159 of 15 December 1997)

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, the Russian Federation and Honduras, as well as by the observers for Cuba, Malta, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Malaysia.

The Chairman made a statement.

Other matters

The Chairman spoke.

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International Human Rights Instruments

TENTH MEETING OF CHAIRPERSONS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS TREATY BODIES
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 1998

7th meeting

Servicing of the treaty bodies [8]

The meeting continued its consideration of the item.

Gender perspectives in the work of the treaty bodies [10]

The meeting began its consideration of the item.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendments to articles 16, 17 and 19 (b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, adopted by the Assembly of the Organization by resolution A.735 (18) of 4 November 1993

Acceptance: Guyana (16 September 1998)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Seabed Authority, adopted by the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority in Kingston, Jamaica, on 27 March 1998

Signature: The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (17 September 1998)

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, adopted at Kyoto on 11 December 1997

Signature: Fiji (17 September 1998)

Ratification: Fiji (17 September 1998)*

Corrigendum

Corrigendum to *Journal* 1998/178 (see p. 10): the following entry should read as follows:

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction, concluded at Oslo on 18 September 1997

Accession: Equatorial Guinea (16 September 1998)*

Ratification: Burkina Faso (16 September 1998)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Day

On the occasion of the Staff Day, the Secretary-General and the President of the Staff Committee will address the staff at large *today*, 18 September 1998, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Security announcement

The Pass and Identification Unit, located on the main level of the UNITAR building (801 UN Plaza) (entrance at the corner of 45th Street and First Avenue), will be open for extended service on Saturday and Sunday, 19 and 20 September 1998, from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m., and on Monday, 21 September, from 7 a.m. until 5.30 p.m. Grounds passes will be issued for the delegations at the UNITAR building and for non-governmental organizations and the media at the UNICEF House, Labouisse Hall (Saturday, from 12 noon to 8 p.m.; Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Monday: 7 a.m. to 5.30 p.m).

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